

SENATE RESOLUTION 71

By Dixon

A RESOLUTION To commend Tiger Woods for his \$500,000
pledge towards the building of the Tiger Woods
Pavilion at Target House in Memphis.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public figures who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Golfing great, Tiger Woods, is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in his professional golfing career and in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this nation and of the world have been transfixed by the meteoric rise of Mr. Woods to the heights of professional golfing; his unsurpassed skill and outstanding work ethic have brought him numerous titles, first as a youngster under the tutelage of his father, later as a collegiate, golfer and now in his professional career; and

WHEREAS, Feeling an urge to give back to society a portion of his earnings to benefit those in need, Tiger Woods created the Tiger Woods Foundation four years ago; and

WHEREAS, Recently Mr. Woods pledged \$500,000 toward the completion of the Tiger Woods Pavilion at Target House in Memphis, a 50-apartment home-away-from-home for families with children receiving treatment at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

WHEREAS, This donation is the largest so far by the Tiger Woods Foundation, which last year donated \$200,000 for a library at Target House; this most recent donation will provide for a large, outdoor, gazebo-style pavilion where families can gather for events hosted by Target employees and Target House supporters, such as singer Amy Grant and figure skater Scott Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods has said, "When I was young, my dad encouraged me to try and make a difference. I'm proud to be able to use my talents in a way that benefits the brave kids and their families at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital"; and

WHEREAS, Tiger Woods is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional sportsman and dedicated philanthropist; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and thank Tiger Woods for his generous gift to the children served by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation for his many other acts of philanthropy, for his unsurpassed example as a role model expressed in his professional and private life, and offer our sincere best wishes for every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.